November

Entrepreneurship in Women

* Use of traditional melas to propagate messages on women's Empowerment
* Participation in IITF, Delhi Haat
* Conference on Women Entrepreneurs

December

Vision for the Future

* National Convention on Future Strategies for Women
* Release of Books on 'Women in India'

Relaxation of HRA Rules in KVS

1464. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of powers conferred on the Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for relaxing/ amending relevant rules in vogue relating to payment of House Rent Allowance to KVS employees, who do not avail of the allotted/available official accommodation; and

(b) the details of KVS officers who have been showered upon such relaxation during the preceding two academic/ financial years, alongwith the total amount paid on account of HRA in Delhi region and the justification thereof, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Rules 22 in "Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Allotment of Residences) Rules" confers all powers on the Commissioner of the Sangathan, or any other officer designated by him for the purpose, to relax all or any of the provisions of

the rules in the case of any employee or residence or class of the employees or types of residences.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Nursery classes in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1465. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nursery classes have been started in Kendriya Vidyalays of Delhi Region from 2000-2001, on temporary basis, by appointing teachers and other staff on contract basis and giving salaries from fees collected from students;

(b) if so, the names of Vidyalayas in which such classes have been started;

(c) what is overall objective of Government in this regard;

(d) whether any study/review has been made on the on-going classes in the Vidyalayas;

(e) if so the, details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pre Primary classes are functioning in ten Kendriya- Vidyalayas namely

1. Sector 2, R.K. Puram
2. Sector 8, R.K. Puram
3. Andrewsganj
4. Sainik Vihar
5. No. 1, Hindon
6. No. 2, Hindon
7. Pitampura
8. Nahara
9. New Mehrauli Road